A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No new vocational school was established by Government in the year 1927-28. The schools already in existence were continued during the year and grants were given to schools under private management.

If by the expression 'vocational schools' the hon. Member refers to schools which make provision for manual training, the Government sanctioned the opening of new manual training classes in three Government training schools and also sanctioned grants for the opening of such classes in several secondary and elementary schools under local bodies and aided agencies.

Establishment of girls' schools in additional centres.

* 626 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to establish high schools for girls in any additional centres;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) what are the centres selected by Government?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The question of opening additional secondary schools for girls is under consideration.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"May I know when the question will be settled, Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Government are considering the question of having additional secondary schools even in this financial year."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know how long this has been engaging the attention of the hon. Minister?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"This has been engaging my attention only for the last six months. That is why my hon. Friend is not aware of it."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"May I know whether it is only the question of additional centres that is under consideration or whether it is the whole question that is under consideration?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The question where these schools ought to be located is under consideration."

Conveyance arrangements for students of the Lady Willingdon Teaching College for Women.

* 627 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that students of the Indian Christian Hostel attached to the Lady Willingdon Teaching College for Women feel great hardship in having to walk a long distance owing to the change of location from Triplicane to Mylapore; and

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(b) whether the Government will be pleased to make some arrangement for free conveyances for the students on school days until accommodation is found near the college?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) In view of the fact that the hostel is only a mile from the college, the Government do not consider that the provision of conveyance is necessary.

Prevention of smoking in schools and colleges.

* 628 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: With reference to the answer to my question No. 38 answered on 3rd September 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction has since received the complete reports regarding the effect of his circular of 1925 in preventing smoking in schools and colleges; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House all the information received on this subject?

A.—(a) The Director of Public Instruction states that replies are awaited from fifteen aided colleges.

(b) The question of placing the reports on the table of the House will be considered after their receipt from the Director of Public Instruction.

Local Boards

Grant for the new alignment of the road from Petcheruvu to Srisailam.

* 629 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the replies given to question No. 86 on 4th September 1928 what amount the Government are now prepared to allot for the proposed new alignment of the road from Petcheruvu to Srisailam?

A.—The question of a grant will be considered after the alignment of the road and its estimated cost have been definitely settled.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister for Education and Local Self-Government will take steps to expedite the matter as very likely he will not be in office after the next elections?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member is requested to confine himself only to putting his supplementary question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know how long this consideration will last and when the work will be commenced?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government have first of all to consider the financial aspect in putting the trunk roads in order. Then only they will consider the financial effect of this proposal."